

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS PROGRAM POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Enhancement	Current	Benefits	Notes
1. Sunset SCOPE Program	Program “on the books” – not being utilized.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eliminates program that had minimal participation results. •Saves staff time. 	Replaced by SLBE Program.
2. All Departments that procure goods, services, and/or public works to appoint an Equal Opportunity Contracting Program (EOC) “Champion”.	Not in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assist with promoting and implementing the City’s equal opportunity contracting laws, policies and procedures on a citywide basis. •Assist with internal training and document processing. 	“Champion” must be at Deputy Director or above level.
3. Refine Good Faith Effort Documentation Requirements	See Attached.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Better meet needs of both SLBE/ELBE and large firms. 	Reviewed by City Attorney.
4. Add advisory participation levels – similar to former SCOPE Program to contract specifications	Not in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identifies availability of all firms (DBE, MBE, WBE, DVBE, OBE) 	Under City Attorney review
5. Mandatory SLBE/ELBE goals for all “best value” projects	Included in MACC projects only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consistent with MACC projects. •Removes good faith requirement – streamlines process. •Emphasizes results, not simply efforts 	Under City Attorney review
6. Establish SLBE/ELBE Construction Industry and Goods & Services Group to meet quarterly with City staff similar to AGC liaison	Not in place.	Ongoing feedback from SLBE firms regarding program in non-threatening environment.	
7. Raise Financial Eligibility Thresholds: <u>Trucking – SLBE:</u> \$3.0M ELBE: \$1.5M <u>Prof. Services/ A&E –</u> SLBE:\$2.0M ELBE: \$1.0M	<u>Trucking – SLBE:</u> \$2.0M, ELBE: \$1.0M <u>Professional Svcs/A&E</u> – SLBE:\$1.5M, ELBE: \$750K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase pool of small local business in these categories. •Initial thresholds too low – unintentionally reduced participation levels of small companies in these areas. 	
8. Revise fully operational requirement for licensed Professional Services/ A&E to 6	1 year requirement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Feedback from this group indicated that 1 year requirement is more appropriate for construction businesses 	

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<i>consecutive months.</i>		as risk is not as high. •Increases availability of eligible firms.	
9. Increase Limit of restricted competition on construction projects	\$500,000 and below	•Increase direct opportunities for SLBEs – balances MACC	City Attorney opined raising threshold is permissible with appropriate evidence substantiating the need. Opinion is attached.
10. Allow points for approved project specific Mentor Protégé agreements	Not in place	•Helps build capacity of SLBE/ELBE firms and increase competition.	Applies to best value delivery method for construction projects, consultant and goods & services projects.
11. Update Council Policy 800-15	Does not reference SLBE Program or new transparency policy.	•Ensures consistency and cross references on related programmatic policies and procedures	
12. Update Muni-Code related to Debarment Proceedings	See Attached.	•Update process, include best value contracts, allow for a 1 year debarment and includes EO related violations. •Sanctions bad behavior.	Working with City Attorney's Office.
13. Increase outreach efforts to expand pool of certified vendors in to Small Business Enhancement Program.	Not currently part of program.	•Increase number of SLBE/ELBEs in program providing goods and services.	
14. Revise Council Policy 900-15 - Small Business Enhancement Program (SBEP) to make permanent - the Small/Disadvantaged Business Development Pilot Program and to increase the Contracts Opportunity Center (COC) contract by 25%	Currently a one year requirement.	•Provide ongoing technical assistance	
15. Design, develop and implement a comprehensive Supplier Diversity Strategy	Not currently in place.	•A comprehensive framework that provides assistance and access to City contracts to a broad base of SLBE/ELBE and other certified firms.	